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## Carl Levin

## U.S. Senator, Michigan



Statement of Senator Carl Levin (D-MI) on the December, 1997 Report of the National Defense Panel

"The National Defense Panel has done an important service by emphasizing that our military forces of the future will need very different characteristics from those they currently have. I applaud the willingness of the Panel to question the so-called 2 Major Regional Contingency assumption against which so much of our defense budget is currently directed.

"I am particularly encouraged by the Panel's conclusion that much of the funding for the 'transformation' in our military can be found internally by reducing the excessive cost of DOD's support infrastructure."